

September 5, 1995

REPORT TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRPERSON AND
MEMBERS OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

SPECIAL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY COUNSEL

Given the needs of the Redevelopment Agency to have attorneys available experienced in the area of condemnation, our office is recommending the retention of the law firms of Daley & Heft and Bartz & McCarberg to be used on an "as-needed" basis. Prior to utilizing either firm, we shall make a determination as to whether there are attorneys available in-house to handle the case(s). This determination will be based on an evaluation of our current case load, the estimated time involved in the new matter, and the needs of Agency staff.

Requests for Proposals were mailed out to eighteen firms. Six of those firms responded, and three were interviewed by a selection panel made up of representatives of the Redevelopment Agency staff from the Economic Development Services Division of the City Manager's Office, the Centre City Development Corporation, the Southeastern Economic Development Corporation, the Mid-City Development Corporation, and Senior Chief Deputy City Attorney Alan Sumption, Deputy City Attorney Debbie Bevier, and Deputy City Attorney Allisyn Thomas.

Both law firms have considerable experience in condemnation law, and will provide valuable assistance to Redevelopment Agency staff.

Respectfully submitted,

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